

Community News

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an information service from PAC - the Presteigne Area Community Development Group

If you have any questions, information to pass on, or a local event or activity to publicise, email us at pacdg@icloud.com

If you are able to spare a couple of hours on Friday 4th May, please help with a big litter-pick around Presteigne to spruce up the town ready for the Bank Holiday weekend....assuming the weather isn't horrible, we'll meet up at the recycling site lay-by on the bypass at 10am. PAC will provide litter-picking tongs, bag hoops and bags, hi-viz vests and all information. Please bring your own work gloves and wear strong waterproof boots. Between us we can make a tremendous difference in a couple of hours. **If you can attend, so we can arrange the equipment needed and set achievable routes, please text Terry on 07766 097600 or email pacdg@icloud.com. Thank you for your support !**

A VERY SPECIAL MAY BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND IN PRESTEIGNE....

Saturday 5th May - Kington Choral's Spring Concert this year is J. S. Bach's magnificent "St. John Passion" 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church. This will be the first major concert KCS has put on in Presteigne and is a really special event, bringing top professional soloists from Harry Christopher's "The Sixteen" to perform in Presteigne with the Marches Baroque Orchestra and the KCS choir under the baton of Robert Evans:

Evangelist - Jeremy Budd; Christus - Tim Jones; Soprano - Julie Cooper; Alto - Kim Porter; Tenor - George Pooley; Bass - Ben Davies. Earlybird tickets only £12 (£14 on the door, <18s free) online from www.kingtonchoral.org.uk, and from Winnie's. Don't miss this one !!

Sunday 6th May - a four-course Citrus Dinner from 7pm at St Andrew's Church Hall. This feast will showcase the delicious flavours of Italian citrus. Aperitivo and four courses. The dinner is a fundraiser for the first Presteigne Festival of Food and Flowers and Helena Attlee, author of bestselling book "The Land Where Lemons Grow" will provide a brief introduction to each course. Live music on an Italian theme by Richard Gooderson & John Hymas. Bar - fine Italian wines and beer. £35 pp tickets from The Salty Dog 01544 267 720

Monday 7th May - The first Presteigne FESTIVAL OF FOOD & FLOWERS. 10am - 5pm. The Festival will see the beautiful streets in the centre of Presteigne lined with stalls offering a rich variety of high quality foods produced in the area. Visitors will be able to stock up on plants for their own gardens and visit secret gardens in and out of Presteigne town, many of them never open to the public. There will be a corner dedicated to street food, an all-day barbecue, live music and a rolling programme of entertainments, talks and competitions. A pop-up pub selling organic beers and wines will be open throughout the evening. Free admission, free parking and plenty to eat and drink of course !

Programme: Food, Drink & Plant Stalls in High Street and Broad Street - Street Food Market in St Andrew's Church Hall courtyard - Kitchen & Garden Brocante in the Assembly Rooms - Demonstrations in St Andrew's Church Hall (chocolate 10.30-11.15am, butchery 11.30-12.15) - Tom Moggach: Unusual Edibles Workshop for all ages 12.30-2pm in the Assembly Rooms - Ready Steady Cook 1.30-3pm in St Andrew's Church Hall - Images of Food & Flowers by Ruth Kirkby and Alex Ramsay at No.46 Wine Bar - Floral Workshop (morning) and Demonstration (afternoon) at 11 High Street - Pastry Pie Competition in Radnorshire Arms garden - Photography & Gardens-on-a-Plate competition and exhibition in the Assembly Rooms - BBQ noon-8pm at No.46 Wine Bar - Prize Giving 3pm - Full Circle Organic Pop-Up Pub with live music, afternoon & evening at 5 Broad Street.

Plus **Open Gardens, 2-5pm, in and outside Presteigne - in aid of St Michael's Hospice**

* [Corton House, Nash, Presteigne, LD8 2LE](#)

- * Sidney Nolan Trust, The Rodd, Presteigne LD8 2LL (wild flower walks through ancient woodland that is home to diverse flora).
- * Upper Tan House, Stansbach, Presteigne, HR6 9LJ
- * Stansbach Barn, Stansbach, Presteigne, HR6 9LG
- * Stapleton Gate, Ford Street, Presteigne LD8 2LW
- * Stapleton House, Ford Street, Presteigne LD8 2LW
- * Garrison House, Church Street, Presteigne LD8 2BU
- * The Red House Court Garden, St Davids Street, Presteigne LD8 2BP
- * 14 Hereford Street, Presteigne LD8 2BP
- * Stapleton Castle Court LD8 2LS (Open 10-5. Adults £5 in aid St Michael's Hospice. Children free. Entry includes guided castle walks at 11am and 2.30pm)

Please note that dogs are not allowed and most gardens have very limited wheelchair access.

...and, alongside the Festival, at the Judge's Lodging 10.30am-12.30pm you can enjoy bespoke coffee, tea and home-made cake for just £3.50. There will also be food and flower-related books for sale.

Sharppp Chat DISCUSSION GROUP. Following the success of the inaugural discussion, with 30 participants, we are pleased to tell you that Presteigne's resident philosopher **Roger Kite will be introducing 'The truth, the whole truth, and anything but the truth' on Wednesday 2nd May** at 7.30pm in The Assembly Rooms. If you like to have your thinking stretched this will be a must-do event. *Oh, and why are there three 'p's? You'll have to come along to find out! OPEN TO EVERYONE.* More information from maggie@pccs-books.co.uk

Thought of taking up green bowls ? It's Open Day at the PBC bowling green on Greenfield Road on Sunday 6th May from 2pm, so just come along and try your hand at bowling - everyone welcome - all equipment supplied for adults and children. Bar, tea/coffee and snacks. Free entry. Contact David for more information by email dave.weale@hotmail.co.uk or mobile 07969 203 339. New members always welcome - regular club social nights at the green 6.30pm every Tuesday evening.

More help needed for the churchyard gardens ! A message from Marion Rowlatt....a few of us have started to weed, deadhead and cut back in the St Andrew's churchyard gardens but we would welcome more help. If you can give an hour or so of your time call Marion on 01544 260466.

DID YOU KNOW...

...We (PAC) still have a number of specially-designed swift boxes available, and now is the time to get boxes installed on your house or on outbuildings before the first swifts start to arrive. The boxes were made by the Men's Shed for PAC to an approved design, and cost just £15. Email pacdg@icloud.com to buy your box.

...There are collection boxes for the recycling of batteries both in the Library and in Spar. The Library also has RSPCA pre-paid envelopes to allow you to send your used ink cartridges for recycling to benefit the charity

...If you're unemployed, searching for work, need help with your CV or application, or just looking for advice, a friendly chat and a cuppa, then help is at hand - just go along to COFFEE STOP at the Presteigne Baptist Church on Tuesday mornings 9.30 to 10.30am. They would be delighted to see you.

...If you feel trapped by alcohol, or are afraid you're developing a problem and need someone to talk to, there is a way out - visit www.alcoholics-anonymous or call 0800 917 7650 to talk to someone in the strictest confidence.

OTHER EVENTS

Friday 20th April - Presteigne Screen presents "The Florida Project" 8pm in The Assembly Rooms.

USA 111mins 15. Starring William Defoe.

Wednesday 25th April - Book Club 4.30pm at the Library. Discussing "Orphans of the Carnival" by Carol Birch. All welcome !

Thursday 26th, Friday 27th, Saturday 28th April - Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit" 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church Hall. Performed by the newly-formed Shoestring Players, directed by Frank Cosgrove. Tickets £6 from Winnie's. **NOTE - PERFORMANCES CANCELLED - NEW DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED.**

Saturday 28 April - "Wind in the Willows" by Box Tale Soup, 7.30pm in The Assembly Rooms. A beautiful new adaption of Kenneth Grahame's much loved classic, featuring unique handmade fabric puppets and a charming original score, commissioned by the Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham. Adults £10 Children £7 Family Ticket £25 from The Workhouse and online <http://www.wegotickets.com/event/425590>

Wednesday 2nd May - Sharppp Chat, 7.30pm in the Assembly Rooms. See above.

Friday 4th May - 10am-12noon. Big litter-pick around Presteigne town. See above

Saturday 5th May - the Big Breakfast 9am - 2pm at Lingen Village Hall. In aid of Walk the Walk Breast Cancer Charity. "The Plate" £6, "The Works" £8

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If you have any questions on what's happening - or not happening - in our community, do let us know and we'll do our best to provide an answer, or at least point you in the right direction - simply email pacdg@icloud.com. We're happy to help publicise community and charity activities and events (but only for events in the immediate Presteigne area) - mail pacdg@icloud.com. Feel free to tweet or forward this to others. If you would prefer not to receive further issues of the News, please email us with REMOVE and we'll immediately take you off the the distribution list